
Alabama Prepares: *Pandemic Readiness and Emergency Planning Summit*

Satellite Conference & Live Webcast

Wednesday, February 22, 2006

2:00-5:00 p.m. (Central Time)

3:00-6:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) • 1:00-4:00 p.m. (Mountain Time) • 12:00-3:00 p.m. (Pacific Time)

In December, Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt met with senior officials from all 50 states to announce a series of pandemic influenza summits to be held in every state over the next several months. The goal of these summits is to enhance state and local preparedness to foster planning for individuals and families, businesses, and state and local health departments specific to pandemic preparedness efforts. The focus is on practical, community-based procedures that could prevent or delay the spread of pandemic influenza, and help to reduce the burden of illness communities will contend with during an outbreak.

Secretary Leavitt will be at Alabama's Pandemic Influenza Summit as part of this national tour of states as the federal government works with the state and local communities to prepare the country for a potential influenza pandemic. In addition to Secretary Leavitt, participants include Governor Bob Riley; Alabama State Health Officer, Dr. Donald Williamson; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Representative, Dr. Mitch Cohen; US Department of Homeland Security Representative, Tracy Henke; Alabama State Superintendent of Education, Dr. Joseph B. Morton; Alabama Emergency Management Agency Director, Bruce Baughman; UAB School of Public Health Dean, Dr. Max Michael; and other representatives of the Alabama business, emergency management and healthcare communities.

Alabama's Summit will be broadcast live via satellite and webcast from the Alys Robinson Stephens Performing Arts Center at the University of Alabama at Birmingham by the Alabama Department of Public Health. In addition to the Summit presentations as listed above, there will also be a news conference at 3:00 p.m., Central Time, for Secretary Leavitt and Governor Riley to address the media.

Conference Details:

Target Audience: Public health professionals, health care providers, members of the business community, education administrators, emergency management officials and first responders, community planners, leaders of volunteers and faith-based organizations that assist affected communities.

Registration: www.adph.org/alphntn **Cost:** There is no cost to view. **CEUs:** None for this program.

Satellite Technical Information: This program will be a live satellite broadcast on both Ku & C bands. Upon online registration, you will be given this information.

Webcast Information: Register at www.adph.org/alphntn. RealPlayer is required to view the webcast. Test your computer before the day of the program from the "test connection" link at www.adph.org/alphntn. On the day of the program, go to www.adph.org/alphntn. Click on the "view webcast" link.

Conference Materials: No handout materials will be available for this program.

Questions For Summit Panel Members: If you have questions that you want addressed during the summit, you must fax or email your questions before 5:00 p.m., Central Time, Tuesday, February 21.

Email: alphntnquestions@adph.state.al.us or Fax: 888-737-1972.

If you have questions about any of these conference details, call 334-206-5618 or email: alphntn@adph.state.al.us

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